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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN PRESS VIEWS KING HUSSEIN'S US VISIT AS  
BEGINNING OF NEW DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

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1. JORDANIAN PRESS MAY FEATURED SEVERAL ARTICLES TREATING KING  
HUSSEIN'S CURRENT VISIT TO STATES AS LAUNCHING OF NEW PEACE  
INITIATIVE IN MIDEAST. GOJ-SPONSORED AR-RAYY HEADLINED, "IM-  
PORTANT ARAB CONTACTS AFTER KING'S RETURN"; AL-URDON: "HUSSEIN  
IS FIRST ARAB LEADER INFORMED OF RESULTS OF US POLICY REASSESS-  
MENT"; AS-SABAH SAME HEADLINE. DAILIES GIVE GERMAN NEWS  
AGENCY AS SOURCE OF STORY THAT KING FIRST TO GET REASSESSMENT  
RESULTS (NO FURTHER DETAILS). ARTICLES FURTHER QUOTE MIDDLE  
EAST NEWS AGENCY: "THE KING'S TRIP IS THE BEGINNING OF  
AN IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC MANEUVER AIMING AT SETTLING THE  
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE US,  
THE KING WILL VISIT SEVERAL ARAB STATES TO INFORM THEIR  
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LEADERS OF AMERICAN INTENTIONS. "AR-RAYY EDITORIALIZES

THAT MEETING OF PRESIDENTS FORD AND SADAT IN SALZBURG SUGGESTS STRONG US SUPPROT INITIATIVE. NOTES ALSO THAT KING HUSSEIN'S WELCOMING PRESIDENT SADAT TO AMMAN (DATE AS YET UNANNOUNCED) WILL REPRESENT FIRST STEP OF JORDANIAN PEACE OFFENSIVE.

2. DAILY AD-DUSTOUR HEADLINED MAY 4: " NEW AMERICAN ROCKETS AND PHANTOMS TO JORDAN". AS-SABAH ADDS, "AMERICAN PHANTOMS TO JORDAN". TEXT OF BOTH ARTICLES CITES GERMAN NEWS AGENCY: "JORDAN WILL RECEIVE EXTENSIVE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE US, INCLUDING PHANTOMS, NEW TANKS, AND HAWK AND LANCE ROCKETS". NO FURTHER DETAILS. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS OF ALLEGED NEW JORDANIAN ARMS ACQUISITIONS HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION (MOSTLY FAVORABLE) FROM OUR LOCAL CONTACTS. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN NO USG ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE PARTICULARS IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE USG AND THE GOJ DURING THE KING'S VISIT. WE ARE THEREFORE REPLYING TO INQUIRIES BY SAYING THAT PRESS REPORTS MENTIONING SPECIFIC MILITARY EQUIPMENT ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS AUTHORITATIVE. END CONFIDENTIAL. SUDDARTH

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